

1-1 By: Castro (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 992
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2011;
1-3 April 26, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 21, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 992 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public
1-11 institutions of higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 51.907, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-15 (g) An institution of higher education shall provide
1-16 written notice to each undergraduate student of the provisions of
1-17 this section before the end of the first semester in which the
1-18 student is enrolled in the institution. The notice required by this
1-19 subsection may be delivered by electronic mail or other method of
1-20 written communication, as determined by the institution.

1-21 SECTION 2. Section 61.0595(d), Education Code, is amended
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (d) The following are not counted for purposes of
1-24 determining whether the student has previously earned the number of
1-25 semester credit hours specified by Subsection (a):

1-26 (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before
1-27 receiving a baccalaureate degree that has previously been awarded
1-28 to the student;

1-29 (2) semester credit hours earned by the student by
1-30 examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned
1-31 without registering for a course for which tuition is charged;

1-32 (3) credit for a remedial education course, a
1-33 technical course, a workforce education course funded according to
1-34 contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree
1-35 program at the institution;

1-36 (4) semester credit hours earned by the student at a
1-37 private institution or an out-of-state institution; [and]

1-38 (5) semester credit hours earned by the student before
1-39 graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school
1-40 graduation requirements; and

1-41 (6) semester credit hours earned by the student before
1-42 receiving an associate degree that has been previously awarded to
1-43 the student in excess of the number of semester credit hours
1-44 required for the completion of that degree.

1-45 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-46 61.0595, Education Code, applies beginning with the funding
1-47 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the
1-48 2013-2014 academic year.

1-49 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-50 51.907, Education Code, applies beginning with the fall 2011
1-51 semester.

1-52 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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